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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Shinichi HAMAMOTO ET AL.  
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned  
(Cont. of U.S. Appln. Ser. No. 08/887,123  
Filed: July 2, 1997)  
Filed: December 28, 1999  
For: TRANSLATOR FOR IP NETWORKS, NETWORK SYSTEM  
USING THE TRANSLATOR, AND IP NETWORK  
COUPLING METHOD THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 28, 1999

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title: Insert the following:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

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The present application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/887,123, filed July 2, 1997, and is hereby incorporated by reference. --.

R E M A R K S

By the above amendment, the specification has been amended to incorporate reference to the parent application.

Entry of the preliminary amendments and examination of the application is respectfully requested.